

Council on Postsecondary Education
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Council Policy Groups

The Council has identified three important areas of policy as the focus of its work this year. Policy groups have been created to address:

Affordability . Across the nation, state support for postsecondary education is declining and tuitions are rising. If Kentucky is to achieve its reform goals, it must maintain and strengthen the relationship between affordability, access, and quality through coherent policies that link costs, financial aid programs, and citizens' ability to pay for postsecondary education. The affordability policy group will focus on this task.

Seamlessness . This group will address policy changes needed to create a more seamless educational system, especially through more effective partnerships between P-12 schools, adult education, and two-and four-year postsecondary institutions.

Workforce/Economic Development . The primary goal of postsecondary reform is to increase the number of good jobs in Kentucky and make sure the workforce is prepared to fill those jobs. This group will examine policies and recommend changes that ensure postsecondary education is contributing to the state's ability to attract businesses and that its education programs are addressing current and projected workforce needs.

Attached are more detailed descriptions of the issues these groups will address over the coming year. Also included is a list of the Council members serving on these groups. Other members may be added. The policy groups will meet in the months between regular Council meetings to develop proposals for Council approval based on review of background materials provided by the Council staff and meetings with representatives from other local, state, and national groups addressing these issues.

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